REMARKS

In the Official Action dated April 7, 2004, claims 1-6, 12, 13, 18, 27, and 29 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), as allegedly being anticipated by Dow, et al. In response to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), Claim 1 has been amended to expedite prosecution and place this case in condition for allowance. In addition, Claim 2 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

This Response addresses the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of claims 1-6, 12, 13, 18, 27, 24, and 29 is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Applicants have amended R⁴ in Claim 1 to be defined as –(C₂-C₅)alkyl-NR⁵-R⁶. Claim 1 is directed to compounds and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts of Formula I having the following structure:

wherein R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , and R_4 are as defined in the specification.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner stated that Dow, et al. discloses, in column 14, a compound of the formula:

wherein R_{10} can be a -O(CO)NH- group. According to Dow, et al., R_{10} can be -O-Z-C(O)-NR₁₂R₁₃ wherein Z is -(C₀-C₁)alkyl, and R₁₂ and R₁₃ are independently a) -H or b) -(C₁-C₂)alkyl; or R¹² and R¹³ are taken together with N to form pyrrolidinyl.

The presently claimed invention differs from Dow, et al. wherein the present invention would require R¹² or R¹³ in Dow, et al. to be –(C₂-C₅)alkyl-NR⁵-R⁶. Dow, et al., instead, discloses that R¹² or R¹³ can independently be a) –H or b) –(C₁-C₂)alkyl; or R¹² and R¹³ can be taken together with N to form pyrrolidinyl. Accordingly, the above-amendment removes any possible overlap between the claimed invention and Dow, et al.

The Examiner also asserts that compounds disclosed in columns 90-91 of Dow, et al. anticipate Claim 1. Applicants respectfully submit the above amendment to Claim 1 removes any possible overlap between the claimed invention and the disclosure in columns 90-91 in Dow, et al. for the same reasons stated above.

Because Dow, et al. do not disclose that R^{12} or R^{13} in Dow, et al. can be $-(C_2-C_3)$ alkyl-NR⁵-R⁶, Dow, et al. fail to disclose every element of Claim 1, and therefore, Claim 1 is novel in view of Dow, et al. For the same reasons, claims 2-6, 12, 13, 18, 27, 24, and 29, which recite all of the Claim 1 elements, are novel in view of Dow, et al.

Thus, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the present application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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